

Wednesday, July 29, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 4194, VA, HUD Appropriations.  
House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.  
House passed H.R. 3506, to awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to Gerald and Betty Ford.  
House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4059, Military Construction Appropriations.  
House passed H.R. 4328, Transportation Appropriations.  
House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S9163-S9321*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2368-2370, and S. Res. 259. Page S9243

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1222, to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-273)

Report to accompany S. 512, to amend Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud. (S. Rept. No. 105-274)

S. 1978, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium". (S. Rept. No. 105-275)

H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building". Page S9243

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Lao People's Democratic Republic Human Rights:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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**Afghanistan Human Rights:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 97, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan, after agreeing to committee amendments. Page S9318

**Food Bank Volunteers:** Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3152, to provide that certain volunteers at private non-profit food banks are not employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S9318

**Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1999:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2312, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9163-S9238

#### **Adopted:**

Thompson Amendment No. 3353, to require the addition of use of forced or indentured child labor to the list of grounds on which a potential contractor may be debarred or suspended from eligibility for award of a Federal Government contract.

Pages S9163, S9200-07

Abraham Modified Amendment No. 3362, to require Federal agencies to assess the impact of policies and regulations on families.

Pages S9179-81, S9183, S9209

Wellstone Amendment No. 3373 (to amendment No. 3362), to prevent Congress from enacting legislation which fails to address the legislation's impact on family well-being and on children.

Pages S9201, S9207–09

Campbell (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 3363, to provide for a land conveyance to the University of Miami, comprising the United States Naval Observatory/Alternate Time Service Laboratory.

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Campbell (for Jeffords/Landrieu/Dodd/Kohl) Amendment No. 3364, to establish requirements for the provision of child care in Federal facilities.

Pages S9181–83

Hatch/Biden Amendment No. 3367, to extend the authorization for the Office of National Drug Control Policy until September 30, 2002, and to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Pages S9185–87

DeWine Amendment No. 3354, to prohibit the use of funds to pay for an abortion or pay for the administrative expenses in connection with certain health plans that provide coverage for abortions.

Pages S9187–90, S9199

Campbell (for Graham) Amendment No. 3368, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain Haitian nationals.

Pages S9191–93

Campbell (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3369, to express the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued honoring Oskar Schindler.

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Reid (for Snowe/Reid) Modified Amendment No. 3370, to improve access to FDA-approved prescription contraceptives or devices.

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Reid Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3370), to provide a rule of construction relating to coverage.

Pages S9198–99

Campbell (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3372, to require a study of the conditions under which certain grain products may be imported into the United States, and to require a report to Congress.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 3376, to provide emergency authority to the Secretary of Energy to purchase oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Pages S9210–11, S9213–14

Campbell (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3377, to express the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued honoring the 150th anniversary of Irish immigration to the United States that resulted from the Irish Famine of 1845–1850.

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Baucus Amendment No. 3378, to establish guidelines for the relocation, closing, or consolidation of post offices. (By 21 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 245), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Campbell (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3382, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building”.

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Campbell (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3357, to promote the public's right to know about Federal regulatory programs, improve the quality of Government, and increase Government accountability.

Pages S9224–26

Domenici/Bingaman/Coverdell/Cleland Amendment No. 3384, to provide funding for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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Campbell Amendment No. 3388, to provide funding for Customs drug interdiction and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 3365, to provide for marriage tax penalty relief. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 244), Harkin Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3353), to limit the scope of the requirement relating to inspection of a contractor's records.

Pages S9205–07

Withdrawn:

Brownback/Ashcroft Amendment No. 3359, to provide that married couples may file a combined return under which each spouse is taxed using the rates applicable to unmarried individuals. (By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Domenici/Coverdell Amendment No. 3383, to provide additional funding for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 3379, to provide for appointment and term length for the staff director and general counsel of the Federal Election Commission.

Pages S9219–21

Glenn Amendment No. 3380, to provide additional funding for enforcement activities of the Federal Election Commission.

Pages S9221–24

Graham/Mack Amendment No. 3381, to provide funding for the Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

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Stevens Amendment No. 3385, to provide for an adjustment in the computation of annuities for certain Federal officers and employees relating to average pay determinations.

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Campbell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3386, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury.

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Harkin Amendment No. 3387, to provide additional funding to reduce methamphetamine usage in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

Pages S9230–31

Kohl (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3389, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payroll tax relief.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, with any votes ordered to occur on Thursday, July 30, 1999.

Pages S9218–19

**Department of Defense Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2132, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, on Thursday, July 30, 1999.

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**Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act—Conferees:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1260, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators D'Amato, Gramm, Shelby, Sarbanes, and Dodd.

Pages S9318–20

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-149).

Pages S9239–40

Transmitting the report of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request Act; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-150).

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Transmitting the report concerning the ongoing efforts to meet the goals set forth in the Dayton Accords; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-151).

Page S9240

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-152).

Pages S9240–41

Transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-153).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Norine E. Noonan, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

Harry Litman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Paul M. Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages From the President:** Pages S9239–41

**Messages From the House:** Page S9241

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S9241

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S9254–55

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**Authority for Committees:** Pages S9272–73

**Additional Statements:** Pages S9273–79

**Text of S. 2260 as Previously Passed:** Pages S9279–S9317

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—245) Pages S9177, S9199, S9207, S9218

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 30, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9321)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURE REORGANIZATION

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry:** Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's progress in consolidating and downsizing its operations, after receiving

testimony from Richard E. Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; and Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Kelley S. Coyner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, and Diane D. Blair, of Arkansas, and Ritajean H. Butterworth, of Washington, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting;

S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2217, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2010.);

S. 2120, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally-owned inventions, with an amendment;

S. 2119, to amend the Amateur Sports Act to strengthen provisions protecting the right of athletes to compete, recognize the Paralympics and growth of disabled sports, and improve the U.S. Olympic Committee's ability to resolve certain disputes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1802, to authorize funds for programs of the Surface Transportation Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes \$16,190,000 for fiscal year 1999.); and

S. 2360, to authorize funds for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments. (As approved by the committee, the bill will authorize funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2003.)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of Energy;

S. 1978, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium";

H.R. 2493, to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands;

S. 1719, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co., with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3830, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah;

H.R. 2886, to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System, with an amendment;

H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment;

H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law;

S. 2087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, with an amendment;

S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, with an amendment;

S. 2171, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas;

S. 2232, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in the State of Arkansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1016, to authorize funds through fiscal year 2004 for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey;

S. 1333, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2039, to designate the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, 404-mile trail from the Rio Grande River near El Paso, Texas, to San Juan Pueblo, New

Mexico, as a component of the National Trails System;

S. 2106, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, with an amendment;

S. 2129, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;

S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, with an amendment;

H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming;

S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tene-ment National Historic Site;

S. 1665, to authorize funds for programs of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, with amendments;

S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, with an amendment;

S. 1990, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas;

S. 2109, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2272, to amend the boundaries of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in the State of Montana; and

S. 2276, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, with amendments.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2131, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2364, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2003 and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965;

S. 2361, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, and to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, with amendments;

S. 2359, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2004 for programs of the National Environmental Education Act;

S. 2317, to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System, with an amendment; and

H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building".

## WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on S. 1858, to amend the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities with incentives to become economically self-sufficient, focusing on health care barriers that prevent citizens with disabilities from working, receiving testimony Senators Harkin and Kennedy; former Senator Dole; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office; T. Jeff Bangsberg, Becklund Home Health Care, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Allan I. Bergman, United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Brian Irish, Burlington, Vermont; and Nancy Becker Kennedy, Los Angeles, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## SATELLITE EXPORT LICENSING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the process by which commercial communications satellites are licensed for launch by foreign countries, after receiving testimony from C. Michael Armstrong, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and Chairman, President's Export Council; and Steven D. Dorfman, Hughes Electronics Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

## PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings on S. 1554, to provide for relief from excessive punitive damage awards in cases involving primarily financial loss by establishing rules for proportionality between the amount of punitive damages and the amount of economic loss, receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Mark E. Dapier, Mercury Finance Company, Lake Forest, Illinois; Timothy A.

Lambirth, Ivanjack & Lambirth, Los Angeles, California; Peter D. Zeughauser, ClientFocus, Newport Beach, California; George L. Priest, Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; and Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INS REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded oversight hearings to examine the structure of the law enforcement activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, after receiving testimony from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, and Ron Sanders, Chief Patrol Agent, United States Border Patrol (Tucson, Arizona), on behalf of the Chief Patrol Agents' Association, both of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and Richard J. Gallo, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, East Northport, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1380, to authorize funds for titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to expand the implementation of public charter schools, with an amendment.

Also, committee resumed markup of S. 2213, to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### WENDELL H. FORD GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, after receiving testimony from Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, and George E. Lord, Chairman, Joint Council of GPO Unions, both of the Government Printing Office; Barbara J. Ford, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, on behalf of the American Li-

brary Association; Daniel P. O'Mahony, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy; Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert L. Oakley, Georgetown University Law Center, on behalf of the American Association of Law Libraries, Daniel C. Duncan, Information Industry Association, Patrice McDermott, OMB Watch, and William J. Boarman, Communications Workers of America/AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3069, to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council one year to advise Congress on the implementation of its recommendations, with an amendment;

S. 1770, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service to Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to provide for the organizational independence of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1419, to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4342-4352; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 512, were introduced.

Pages H6696-97

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 120, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam (H. Rept. 105-653);

H.R. 3482, to designate the Federal building located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Abraham Lincoln Federal Building" (H. Rept. 105-654);

H.R. 3598, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building" (H. Rept. 105-655);

S. 2032, to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building", amended (H. Rept. 105-656);

H.R. 3736, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-B non-immigrants, amended (H. Rept. 105-657);

H. Res. 507, providing special investigative authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce (H. Rept. 105-658); and

Conference report on H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States (H. Rept. 105-659).

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**Order of Proceedings:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, July 30, 1998, to consider in the House the joint resolution, H.J. Res.120, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; and that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled.

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**Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact by yeas and nays vote of 305 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 344.

Pages H6522-35

H. Res. 511, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report was agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 313 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 343.

Pages H6516-22

**VA, HUD, Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nays vote of 259 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 352.

Pages H6535-92

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back with an amendment that strikes

language prohibiting rulemaking by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on chemical treatment of upholstery fabrics and strikes Section 425, adopted by the rule, that requires the CPSC to conduct a study on the toxicity of flame retardant chemicals and establish a Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 351.

Pages H6590-92

On a demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Coburn amendment, numbered 33 and printed in the Congressional Record to, increase VA medical care funding by \$304 million with the offset from FHA mortgage administrative expense funding by a recorded vote of 351 yeas to 73 noes, Roll No. 350.

Pages H6589-90

Agreed To:

The Obey amendment that reduces Veterans Health Administration medical equipment, land and structures object classifications funding by \$69 million and increases medical care activities by the same amount;

Pages H6542-43

The DeLauro amendment that prohibits funding by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to be used to develop and enforce the standard for the flammability of children's sleepware sizes 0 through 6x and 7 through 14 (contained in regulations published at 16 CFR part 1615 and part 1616) as the standard was amended effective January 1, 1997;

Pages H6543-46

The Coburn amendment, numbered 33 and printed in the Congressional Record, that increases VA medical care funding by \$304 million with the offset from FHA mortgage administrative expense funding;

Pages H6546-51, H6589-90

The Berman amendment that prohibits FEMA from transferring funding from the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Panorama City, California under the Seismic Hazard Mitigation Program for Hospitals or to relocate the hospital to a site more than 3 miles from the current site;

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The Neumann amendment that prohibits any funds to be used for researching methods to reduce methane emissions from cows, sheep, or any other ruminant livestock;

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The Scarborough amendment, numbered 29 and printed in the Congressional Record, that prohibit funds to carry out Executive Order 13083;

Pages H6571-73

The Hilleary amendment, numbered 32 and printed in the Congressional Record, that increases VA grants to construct state extended care facilities by \$21 million and decreases the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 247);

Pages H6563-68 H6576-77

The Riggs amendment, numbered 31 and printed in the Congressional Record, that prohibits any funds to be used to implement section 12B.2(b) of the Administrative Code of San Francisco, California (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 349). **Pages H6578–88**

Rejected:

The Royce amendment, numbered 26 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to maintain National Science Foundation funding for research at the fiscal year 1998 level of \$2.5 billion;

**Pages H6536–40**

The Roemer amendment, numbered 5 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to cancel funding for the space station. The amendment was debated on July 23 (rejected by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 345); **Pages H6575–76**

The Hinchey amendment, numbered 22 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit the use of Veterans Affairs funding to implement the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA) system (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 346);

**Pages H6551–63, H6576**

Withdrawn:

The Nadler amendment to the Hilleary amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to offset the \$21 million increase for VA extended care facilities with a decrease in Space Station funding.

**Pages H6564–65**

Points of Order sustained against:

Sec. 423, that sought to require the CPSC to issue a final rule amending its Flammable Fabrics Act standards;

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The Bereuter amendment that sought to require the EPA, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, to expedite a study on the health effects of copper in drinking water.

**Pages H6568–70**

**Congressional Gold Medal to Gerald and Betty Ford:** The House passed H.R. 3506, to award a congressional gold medal to Gerald R. and Betty Ford.

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**Military Construction Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 353. Earlier, agreed to consider the conference report by unanimous consent.

**Pages H6593–97**

**Energy and Water Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999,

and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives McDade, Rogers, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Parker, Callahan, Dickey, Livingston, Fazio, Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, and Obey.

**Pages H6598–H6600**

Agreed to the Vento motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the provision in Title IV of the Senate amendment, providing funding for the Denali Commission, and the provision in Title VI of the Senate amendment, the authorization for such Commission.

**Pages H6598–H6600**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Emergency with Iraq:** Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–291);

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**Corporation for Public Broadcasting:** Message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for FY 1997 and the Inventory of the Federal Funds Distributed to Public Telecommunications Entities by Federal Departments and Agencies for FY 1997—referred to the Committee on Commerce;

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**Dayton Accords:** Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the benchmarks under which Dayton implementation can continue without the support of a major NATO-led military force—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–292);

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**Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation Activities:** Message wherein he reported that he has exercised his statutory authority to issue an Executive order to amend Executive Order 12938 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–293); and

**Pages H6602–03**

**District of Columbia Budget Request Act:** Message wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia FY 1999 Budget Request Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–294).

**Pages H6705–06**

**Integration of the Armed Forces:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 294, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the integration of the Armed Forces. Agreed to amend the preamble and the title.

**Pages H6603–04**

**Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and



related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by yeas and nays vote of 391 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 355.

Pages H6706–39

Agreed To:

The Wolf amendment that provides FAA operating funds from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund;

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The Wolf amendment that makes a technical change to insure that specified funding is available to AMTRAK;

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The Andrews amendment that prohibits any funding by the Amtrak Reform Council for outside consultants;

Pages H6731–32

The Nadler amendment that provides that only funds from obligations pursuant to sections 1601 and 1602 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (P.L. 105–178) may be used for improvements to the Miller Highway in New York City; and

Pages H6732–35

The Roukema amendment that waives the repayment of funds expended on the construction of high occupancy lanes on I–287 in the State of New Jersey under certain conditions.

Pages H6735–36

Points of Order sustained against:

Language on page 11, line 19; page 16, line 20 through 24; page 18, line 2 through 5, and Section 339.

Pages H6728, H6731

The Nadler amendment that sought to prohibit the use of any funds for improvements or replacement of the Miller Highway in New York City.

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Withdrawn:

The Ackerman amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funds to be obligated or expended for closing a Coast Guard station in fiscal year 1999 unless such closure has been specifically authorized by law; and

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The Barr amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the National Transportation Highway Traffic Safety Administration from implementing a rule dealing with a national identification card. The rule implements section 656(b) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996.

Pages H6735, H6736–37

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 510, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H6601–02

**Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1998:** The House passed H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers. Earlier, agreed to the Gekas amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H6740–48

**Terry Sanford Federal Building:** The House passed H.R. 3982, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the “Terry Sanford Federal Building”. Earlier, agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H6748–49

**American Luge Association Races:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 305, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the American Luge Association Races. Earlier, agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

Pages H6749–50

**Meeting Hour—July 30:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of July 29, it adjourn to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30.

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**Meeting Hour—July 31:** Agreed that when the House adjourns On Thursday, July 30, it adjourn to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6513.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6697–H6704.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two quorum calls (Roll No. 348, Roll No. 354), five yeas and nays votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6522, H6534, H6575–76, H6576, H6576–77, H6587, H6587–88, H6590, H6591–92, H6592, H6597, H6600, and H6739.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 30.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST SERVICE COST REDUCTION AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4149, Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Francis Pandolfi, Chief Operating Officer, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

*Committee on Commerce:* Held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Global Electronic Marketplace. Testimony was heard from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 4241, Head Start Amendments of 1998; H.R. 4271, Community Services Authorization Act of 1998; and

H.R. 4037, to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to recognize that electronic forms of providing Material Safety Data Sheets provide the same level of access to information as paper copies and to improve the presentation of safety and emergency information on such Data Sheets.

#### **JOB CORPS OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Job Corps Oversight Part II: Vocational Training Standards. Testimony was heard from Mary H. Silva, National Director, Job Corps, Department of Labor; Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **MIDDLE EAST—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Recent Developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near East Affairs, Department of State.

#### **SUDAN AND NORTHERN UGANDA CRISES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Africa held a joint hearing on the Crises in Sudan and Northern Uganda. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION; CHIAPAS, MEXICO—SEARCH FOR PEACE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Conflict Resolution: Chiapas, Mexico and the Search for Peace. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4277, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION AMENDMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States has enjoyed the loyalty of the United States citizens of Guam, and that the United States recognizes the centennial anniversary of the Spanish-American War as an opportune time for Congress to reaffirm its commitment to increase self-government consistent with self-determination for the people of Guam; H.R. 1110, Sudbury, Iceboat, and Concord Wild

and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 2370, amended, Guam Judicial Empowerment Act of 1997; H.R. 2776, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property known as the Warren property; H.R. 3445, amended, Oceans Act of 1998; H.R. 4068, amended, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans; H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 4326, Oregon Public Lands Transfer and Protection Act of 1998.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2743, Indian Land Consolidation Amendment Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Edward B. Cohen, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **KYOTO PROTOCOL**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Kyoto Protocol: The Undermining of American Prosperity? Part 2—The Science. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Needs of the U.S. Marine Transportation System: The Waterways, Ports, and Their Intermodal Connections. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and John Graykowski, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration; Charles M. Hess, Chief, Operations Division, Directorate of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following measures: H.R. 4342, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1998; and H. Con. Res. 213, expressing the sense of the Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union.

#### **MILITARY OPERATIONS SUPPORT**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Support to Military Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
JULY 30, 1998**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, to hold hearings to review a recent concept release by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on over-the-counter derivatives, and on related proposals by the Treasury Department, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, business meeting, to mark up S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, and to consider the nomination of Rebecca M. Blank, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, and J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings to examine Medicare choice implementation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to hold hearings to examine issues in preparation for the Year 2000 Census, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 1 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 2213, to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act, 2 p.m., SD-430.

**NOTICE**

For a listing of Senate Committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1464 in today's Record.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture*, hearing to review the state of the farm economy, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, to mark up the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1999 and to approve revised Section 302(b) Subdivision allocations, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on a GAO Study of HUD's Role as Mission Regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "The Independent Review Board Oversight of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters: Is It Effective?", 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to review the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 3921, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the use of controlled substances used to commit date rape, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 4264, to establish the Bureau of Enforcement and Border Affairs within the Department of Justice; and to consider a request a report from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private immigration bill, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the status of oceanographic monitoring and assessment efforts on both global and local scales, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on NEPA Parity, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Department of Transportation's African Aviation Initiative, H.R. 3741, Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act of 1998, and European Commission's preliminary position on 2 transatlantic alliances, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Fatherhood and Welfare Reform, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Thursday, July 30

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 9:30 a.m.), Senate will consider S. 2132, Department of Defense Appropriations, 1999.

At 2 p.m., Senate will complete consideration of S. 2312, Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, with votes on pending amendments and passage of the bill to occur thereon.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

1 p.m., Thursday, July 30

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H. Res. 507, Providing Special Investigative Authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce;

Consideration of H.J. Res. 120, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam (One Hour Debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2183, Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997 (Continue Consideration).



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